

## OUR BARGAIN MONTH

Thinking that perhaps you would rather have the real money as a premium than some prize or foreign paper that you do not want, we take the following method of boosting our circulation and will, during the month of August, offer these inducements.

We will credit all new subscribers, who send or bring their money during this month with subscription at the rate of 50 cents a year.

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Remember that this offer is for one month only. Don't put it off but "Do it now."

THE TRIBUNE, Rich Hill, Mo.

## Bates Co. is Not Liable

The Drainage District Alone to Stand For the Cost of the Big Canal.

The people in the drainage district have become skeptical since the big flood about the ditch doing what it was intended to do. It is hoped that it will redeem much of the bottom lands, if it does not the chances are that the county will have serious trouble over the matter. There is a growing suspicion that the county may ultimately be held for the bonds, provided the land in question should not be sufficient to pay the debt. It was not the intention to make the county liable, but there is always danger in such cases.—Adrian Journal.

The above is the first appearance in print of a fear which seems to have been entertained by a number of citizens of Bates county. There is not the faintest foundation for such a belief. If the drainage ditch bonds cannot be collected against the property upon which they are based, they cannot be collected at all. The law is full and clear upon that question.

Judge J. F. Smith, tax attorney for Bates county, has recently brought suit against the land of John I. Blair estate, located in Osage township, for \$1,248.95 drainage taxes. This suit will, in all probability, be carried to the highest courts. With Judge Smith will be associated T. J. Smith attorney for the drainage district. Upon the outcome of these suits will depend the collection of the drainage tax. But under no circumstances could any decision against the bond holders make the county liable.

The attorney for the purchasers of the bonds passed upon them and all proceedings connected with their issue before they were purchased, just as is always done in the case of such issues where a defect in the issue might cause the bond holders to lose their investment.

Hon. T. J. Smith, drainage district attorney, when asked concerning the possible liability that might under any circumstances fall upon the county, said: "Both the law under which they were issued and the bonds themselves specifically provide that they are payable only out of funds raised by assessment against lands within the drainage district.—Butler Democrat.

## Business Men Swap Places.

Chas. Price who was a bakeryman and confectioner is now a grocer while Ed Pontius who was a grocer is now a baker and confectioner the result of a trade effected last Saturday. Price will close out his stock of groceries at once. See his ad. in this issue. Pontius will continue in the bakery and confectionary and as he is a good business man we have no doubt that he will succeed in his new calling.

## The Plow Demonstration.

Those who attended the demonstration of the J. I. Case Plow which was given by an agent of the Plow Company in behalf of Albert Wick, the local agent last Monday report that the man actually pulled the plow and plowed a deep furrow for 25 feet in ground that had not been plowed for six years.

## South Bend WATCHES



WHAT has it cost to keep your watch running, to say nothing about accuracy? We know that it would pay you from a money standpoint, to discard the old watch now and get a South Bend Watch that you can depend upon—that is so made that it will stand, without variation or repairs, strains twice as severe as it will ever receive at your hands.

South Bend Watches frozen in ice keep perfect time. We will gladly show you our line of these watches and tell you why they are best for you.

MYERLEY  
The Jeweler

## A Peculiar Incident.

A one legged knight of the road who lit in Rich Hill last Monday night was the victim of an experience that would try the nerve of any man. Upon arriving in town at a very late hour according to his story he sought repose in a box car loaded with hay. He slept all right until an early hour in the morning when he was awakened by something wiggling in his ear.

He tried to get it out but without avail and the more he dug after it the further in it wiggled. He was driven almost frantic with fear and pain. He finally visited the home of one of our local physicians who removed the varmint which proved to be a spider and sent him on his way rejoicing. He will no doubt provide himself with some cotton with which to stuff his ears the next time he sleeps in a box car.

## Charles Porter Dead.

Charles W. Porter died at his home in Pleasant Gap township on Sunday at 8 p. m. his death resulting from dropsy. Mr. Porter was 77 years of age, last February and had been a resident of Bates county for about thirty-five years. During the Civil War he entered the Union army and served for four years and five months. He is survived by two children, Mrs. Clara Clem of this county and Mrs. Lena Fulkerson, who lives in Montana. His funeral took place Monday at the Double Branches church and was followed by interment in the cemetery at the church.—Butler Democrat.

## Marriage Licenses.

Frank Wright	Butler Mo
Lillie Walls	Butler Mo
Ira E. Timmons	Butler Mo
Mirtle Dunham	Adrian Mo
George Cope	Rich Hill Mo
Ora Vaughn	Butler Mo

## Fires This Week.

Rich Hill is Visited With Quite a Number of Small Fires Lately.

There has been three small fires since we went to press last week. The first which occurred Monday afternoon about five o'clock was the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Butler of the East side formerly the property of M. A. Kimbrough. It was put out before the firemen arrived and not much damage resulted.

Soon after midnight another alarm was turned in and the firemen were called on to subdue the flames in the residence occupied by Robert Ferrell on the West side. The house which belonged to H. Schepfer was a total loss. Most of the household goods were saved. It is reported that both house and contents were insured.

The fire Tuesday night occurred about 12 o'clock and started in the barn at the Clyde Spencer residence on West Park Ave. It spread quickly to the adjoining outbuildings and across the alley to the barn of Harry Harris. The Spencer barn was a total loss together with a fine mare and considerable hay and grain which was burned up. A colt which was with the mare was saved. The Harris barn was damaged almost beyond repair. The fire is generally thought to be of incendiary origin.

Each succeeding fire emphasizes more strongly that our fire equipment is inadequate. Steps should be taken taken at once to provide a hose wagon and horses so that the firemen will be able to reach the scene of the fire sooner. The way it is now the firemen must wait until horses are harnessed to a dray and brought four or five blocks before they can start to a fire thereby losing so much time that when the fire is at considerable distance they can only hope to save the adjoining property.

## A Family Reunion.

Mr. C. S. Beasley departed today for Kansas City where he will be joined by his daughter Miss Alene. They will continue their journey to Salt Lake City, Utah where there will be a reunion of the Beasley brothers who are seven in number. W. G. Beasley, of Pittsburg, Kansas, and formerly of this city, will be a member of the party. They will visit a number of places of interest in the west before their return which will probably not be before September. Mrs. C. S. Beasley will not accompany the party but will visit with friends during the absence of her husband and daughter.

## Don't Fail To Attend Our 20th Semi-Annual Clearance Sale!

The two great sales of the year, our big January and August Clearance, are perhaps the most attractive specials of the year. We wish to say that the sale of this year will eclipse all former sales in point of value giving. We have a well defined policy never to carry goods from one season to another, and in these Clearance Sale it often times becomes necessary to forget the first cost of many articles.

Commencing Sat., JULY 31;

Ending Sat., AUGUST 14

The Cheap Store.

Simplicity Durability  
Good Work Light Draft

That's what you expect in a good Sulky or Gang Plow, and the J. I. Case—"The plow a Man can Pull"—is the Plow you should buy to get what you expect. They are lighter draft than Walking Plows, turn the ground perfectly, handle easily, and are as durable as skill and the very best material can make them.

Call and see this plow before buying.

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## Golden Wedding Anniversary.

E. W. Basore and wife, of this city, are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary here to day, surrounded by their children, grandchildren and a host of other relatives. Mr. Basore was born in Logan Ohio, April 26, 1829 and his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth A. Thatcher, was born at West Union Ohio, October 1 1840. They were united in marriage at Reading Ill. August 4th 1859 and moved to Missouri in 1867 finally settling in Rich Hill in 1894 where they have since lived. Seven children blessed their union, five of whom are living.

It's not often a man lives to celebrate his Golden Wedding Anniversary with his second but that's what Mr. Basore is doing to day. His first wife, Elsie A. Simonton, was born at Ft. Wayne Ind. and were married Dec. 4th 1851 in that city. The first wife died Jan. 12th 1859. Three children came to this union, one of which is alive and living in this city. Mrs. Frances Meade.

## Services in the Park.

The churches held union services in the Park last Sunday evening. The weather was delightful and a large gathering was present. Rev. Hargrove preached. It was announced that the churches will hold union revival services commencing Aug. 22nd. Rev. Howell will preach next Sunday evening.

## Rockville Picnic.

Owing to circumstances it is absolutely impossible for us to give a detailed account of our annual picnic. Suffice it to say that it was a complete success in every particular and that about 4000 people were entertained. The attractions were all good and there was a notable scarcity of gambling outfits and skin games. One or two who got permits by misrepresentation were promptly closed and the balance got scared and quit. Crawford's band furnished fine music which was appreciated by the people. Prof. Chamberlain of Rich Hill furnished fun for the crowd and according to contract kept sober and it was not necessary to have him arraigned. Collins merry go round and ferris wheel were the principal attractions for the children, some pretty good sized ones at that and they were enjoyed to the full extent. Altogether it was good for everybody and while the whole town was tired out caring for the crowd, no one was heard to complain and all are glad to have people from the country with them for two days.—Rockville Booster.

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KEEPING COOL. WE HAVE THEM ALL

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A package of Wash Clean will take the drudgery out of eight washings.

Wash Clean is the most perfect washing compound made. It cleans your clothes without any rubbing at all.

Will not injure the most delicate fabrics.

Does not soil or roughen the hands.

Just use it according to directions—that's all.

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